

BOARD OF FINANCE

September 21, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Mr. Monico, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Pieper, Mr. Lianos, Ms. Brown

Members Absent: Ms. Vissicchio

Also Present: Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time.

1. Agenda – September 16, 2016
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2016
3. August 31, 2016
 - Report of Budget
 - Report of Revenue
 - Special Funds
 - Board of Education Accounting
6. Resolution, Police Department Renovations/Communications Upgrade
7. Financial Statement – Page 2
8. Municipal Grants FY 16-17

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2016, Mr. Lianos moved their acceptance, seconded by Ms. Brown.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Lianos - Yes	Brown – Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hallahan thanked Mr. Swinkoski for the accounting of the MRSA. He said that he would like to understand the process more and what the funds can specifically be utilized for. Mr. Freda explained that the MRSA is a grant from the state. It is a separate account and not part of the budget. There is a state statute that governs the accounting of the MRSA.

Mr. Pieper requested that the Board of Education's corrective actions from the internal audit be added to the October agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF BUDGET, REVENUE, SPECIAL FUNDS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTING AUGUST 31, 2016

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of July were 57%. Mr. Swinkoski reviewed the expenditure report in detail. Further discussion followed. Mr. Hallahan made a motion to accept the reports.

Seconded by, Mr. Lianos.

VOTE:	Freda - Yes	Monico - Yes	Pieper - Yes
	Hallahan - Yes	Lianos - Yes	Brown – Yes

POLICE HQ RENOVATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

Mr. Monico said the Police Chief and Deputy Chief gave a presentation on the renovations and communications upgrade to police headquarters at our last meeting. Mr. Freda said that police will be hosting several public sessions through October. He said that the Board of Selectmen will recommend the appropriation at their October 6th meeting and will call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on October 17, 2016. A referendum will then be held on October 25, 2016.

Mr. Lianos then moved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$18,000,000 for renovations to Police Department facilities and communications equipment upgrades; the project shall include, but not be limited to, internal and external renovations to the existing Police Department buildings located at 8 Linsley Street, repairs and/or replacement of windows, stairs and ramps, removal of hazardous materials, construction of an addition to the existing building, redesign of the site, expansion of parking, addition of parking controls, and the acquisition and installation of communications equipment; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to finance the appropriation.

Seconded by, Mr. Hallahan.

VOTE:	Freda - Yes	Monico - Yes	Pieper - Yes
	Hallahan - Yes	Lianos - Yes	Brown – Yes

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr. Monico said that the middle school opened on time and Gilbane worked very hard to keep the project on schedule. Mr. Freda said that he has received positive feedback from the parents. The second phase of the project has already begun. The project should be completed in August of 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 30 minutes with residents asking questions and making recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hallahan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, seconded by Mr. Lianos.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Lianos - Yes	Brown - Yes